

COVID-19 UPDATES 3-18-2020

In an effort to keep Delaware's medical community current on the latest information regarding the coronavirus crisis, the Medical Society of Delaware is sharing the following:

Governor Carney Updates State of Emergency

Governor John Carney on Wednesday issued a <u>second modification</u> to his emergency declaration that among other things temporarily lifted regulations to expand access to telemedicine. The original requirements that patients present in person before telemedicine services may be provided, are now suspended.

Requirements that the patient must be present in Delaware at the time the telemedicine services are provided, are suspended so long as the patient is a Delaware resident.

Any out of state health care provider who would be allowed to provide telemedicine services in Delaware if they were licensed under Title 24 may provide telemedicine services to a Delaware resident if they hold an active license in another jurisdiction.

The Delaware Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline's Regulation 19 regarding restrictions on the use of telemedicine is suspended. Read more.

Telemedicine Options for Physicians

MSD subsidiary Health Hub has carefully vetted the following vendors for telemedicine use.

- Mend MSD is offering grants for \$1000 off for VIP participating physicians. Grant application.
- <u>Vidyo</u> For a limited time offering a no cost temporary license.

DPH Procedures to Request Personal Protective Equipment

MSD has received many questions about Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and where to find replenishments. DPH has supplied the following resources to help physicians obtain more supplies.

<u>PPE Request Policy and Procedures</u> <u>State Health Operations Center (SHOC) Resource Request Form</u>

More COVID-19 Cases Reported in Delaware

Delaware now has 26 total laboratory confirmed cases in all three counties since March 11, including nine additional cases since yesterday. Of the Delawareans diagnosed with COVID-19, 20 are from New Castle County, three are from Kent County, and three are from Sussex County. The individuals range in age from 18 to 80. Three individuals are currently hospitalized; one is critically ill. Read more.

Third DPH Conference Call - TOMORROW Thursday 3-19-20

In our continued effort to keep themedical community current with the latest information, a third operator-assisted call has been scheduled with the DPH. This call is for primary care, specialists, and practice managers at6:00 p.m. (Thursday, March 19th).

Call 866-506-4188 (This is a direct number to call in. There is no access code.)

During the Question & Answer portion of the call:

Press *1 to ask a question.

Press # to remove the question from the question queue.

MSD will be collecting advance questions until 3:00 p.m.

Submit questions.

DPH Conference Call Recording Available

Thank you to everyone who called into last night's (**Tuesday, March 17**) conference call with the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH). We have obtained the recording of the call for your convenience. Tonight's conference call with DPH will be shared when that becomes available.

DPH Conference Call 3-17-2019

For more information and resources regarding COVID-19, MSD has created a coronavirus resource page on our website. <u>View resource page</u>.

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